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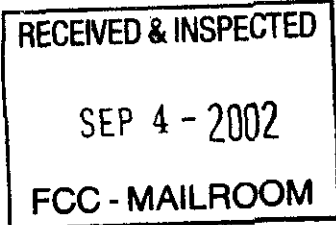


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August 29, 2002



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Ms. Irene Flannery  
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Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 – State Commission Certification for USF  
(47 U.S.C. 254(e); 47 CFR 54.314)

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, adopted on May 10, 2001, and released on May 23, 2001 (FCC 01-157), this letter is written to certify that the following rural incumbent local exchange carrier, also classified as an eligible telecommunications carrier, should continue to receive federal high-cost support funds in 2003 in accordance with the above referenced statute and federal rule:

Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (Sandwich Isles)  
(SAC: 623021)  
Pauahi Tower, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1001 Bishop Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Sandwich Isles has certified to the Hawaii State Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that it will use all federal service support funds that it receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 United States Code § 254(e), and that it will comply with the requirements to be eligible for federal universal service support. See attached Certification Statement dated August 22, 2002. Based on Sandwich Isle's submission and representation, the Commission hereby certifies that the funds that Sandwich Isles receives for the federal universal service support will only be used as intended under federal law.

If this letter does not fully satisfy the requirements for state certification of carriers to receive federal universal service support for 2003, we hereby request a waiver of the October 1, 2002 deadline to correct any deficiencies.

Please contact Ji Sook (Lisa) Kim, Commission Counsel, at (808) 586-2020 to address any questions on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Wayne H. Kimura  
Chairman

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Attachment

c: Albert S.N. Hee, President  
Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. (w/o attachment)

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
SANDWICH ISLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
PURSUANT TO FCC ORDER NO. 01-157**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that an eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal universal service support "shall use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." In FCC Order No. 01-157 issued May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission concluded "that states should be required to file annual certification with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support 'only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended' consistent with Section 254(e)." Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, para. 187. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath as follows:

1. I am an officer of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc., which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
2. All federal universal service support funds received by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, to be eligible for federal universal service support.
3. This Certification Statement is provided to the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to enable the Commission to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that federal universal service support received by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

August 22, 2002

Date

Signature

Albert S.N. Hee, President

Print Name and Title

STATE OF HAWAII )  
 ) ss  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU )

On this 22nd day of August, 2002, before me personally appeared Albert S.N. Hee to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Notary Public, State of Hawaii

Joycelynn P.S. Costa

Print Name

My Commission Expires: 2-1-04

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